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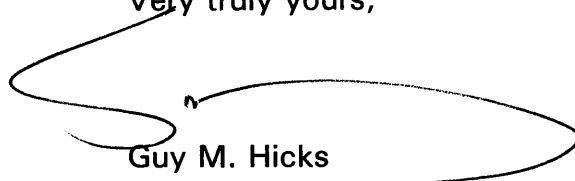
David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Tariff to Revise the Lifeline Tariff to Comply with the FCC Calls Order*  
Docket No. 00-00469

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of Exhibit 1 to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Objection to Petition of Discount Communications to Convene a Contested Case and to Intervene which was inadvertently omitted from the original filing. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record for all parties.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure



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Mr. Joe Werner, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Werner:

SUBJECT: Tariff Revisions to Comply With The FCC's Sixth Report and Order in CC  
Docket NOS. 96-262 and 94-1, Report and Order in CC Docket No. 99-249  
And the Eleventh Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45

Attached is the following tariff filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., issued,  
June 6, 2000. We request that this tariff be effective July 1, 2000.

**General Subscriber Services Tariff**

**Section A3- Fifth Revised Page 75  
Seventh Revised Page 76**

This Tariff is being filed to revise the language in Section A3.31, Lifeline of the  
Tennessee General Subscribers Services Tariff to comply with the FCC CALLS order.  
Additional details can be found in the Executive Summary that is included in this filing  
package.

The CALLS order was not released until May 31, 2000. Since it provides that the  
proposed Lifeline changes be effective July 1, 2000 we are requesting a waiver of the  
normal 30-day interval for this filing.

We appreciate your returning a receipted copy as evidence of this tariff filing. Please  
call Jim Gotto at 214-3815 if you have any questions or wish to discuss.

Yours truly,

For

Attachments

*advance / advocate / legal*

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FCC, in its SIXTH REPORT AND ORDER IN CC DOCKET NOS. 96-262 AND 94-1, REPORT AND ORDER IN CC DOCKET NO. 99-249 and the ELEVENTH REPORT AND ORDER IN CC DOCKET NO. 96-45, released May 31, 2000, adopted changes in access reform and universal service proposed by the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service (CALLS). The Order authorizes an \$.85 increase in the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC), eliminates the Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC) and introduces a federal universal service charge.

This is a compliance filing which accommodates the FCC's changes applicable to Lifeline customers. The effective date of the FCC filing is July 1, 2000. Therefore, to neutralize increased charges for our Lifeline customers, this tariff must also reflect an effective date of July 1, 2000.

To ensure that Lifeline customers will continue to receive federal support sufficient to offset the amount of the federal SLC, the amount of federal baseline Lifeline credit is being increased by \$.85, bringing the total credit available to Lifeline subscribers to \$11.35 as follows:

Federal baseline	$(\$3.50 + .85 + 1.75)$	\$6.10
State Support		3.50
Additional federal support		<u>1.75</u>
	TOTAL	\$11.35

As a signatory to the CALLS Proposal, BellSouth will not assess the federal universal service charges on Lifeline accounts. Since the PICC is being eliminated, the reference to the PICC exclusion is no longer required and is being removed from the Lifeline tariff.

A bill message to all residence customers will contain information specific to our Lifeline subscribers.

## A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### A3.31 Lifeline

#### A3.31.1 Description of Service

- A. The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service to qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in FCC 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and are as set forth in this tariff.
- B. Lifeline is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- C. Federal baseline support of **\$6.10** is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. An additional \$3.50 credit is provided by the Company. Supplemental federal support of \$1.75, matching one half of the Company contribution, will also be passed along to the Lifeline subscriber. The total Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in Tennessee is **\$11.35**. The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service, which includes the access line, Touch-Tone, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.

#### A3.31.2 Regulations

##### A. General

1. Customers eligible under the Lifeline program are also eligible for connection assistance under the Link-Up program.
2. One low income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low income assistance programs identified in B. following.
3. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to the current capped message rate Lifeline plan (USOC LM8) or any local service offering available to other residence customers. Since the Lifeline credit is applicable to the primary residential connection only, it may not be applied to a multiple line package local service offering.
4. Toll blocking, if elected, will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber.
5. The deposit requirement is not applicable to a Lifeline customer who subscribes to toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
6. **(DELETED)**
7. The Federal Universal Service Charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers.
8. A Lifeline subscriber's local service will not be disconnected for non-payment of regulated toll charges. Local service may be denied for non-payment of local service in accordance with Section A2. Access to toll service may be denied for non-payment of regulated tolls. A Lifeline subscriber's request for reconnection of local service will not be denied if the service was previously denied for non-payment of toll charges.
9. The non-discounted federal Lifeline credit amount will be passed along to resellers ordering local service at the prescribed resale discount from this Tariff, for their eligible end users. The additional credit to the end user will be the responsibility of the reseller. Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, as defined by the FCC, are required to establish their own Lifeline programs.

##### B. Eligibility

1. To be eligible for a Lifeline credit, a customer must be a current recipient of any one of the following low income assistance programs.
  - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), previously known as AFDC
  - b. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - c. Food Stamps
  - d. Medicaid, as provided under TennCare
2. Additionally, a customer with total gross annual income that does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty income guidelines may apply directly to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) for Lifeline eligibility certification.
3. All applications for service are subject to verification with the TRA or state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

## A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

#### A3.31.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

##### C. Certification

1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until proof of eligibility has been received by the Company. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
2. The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
3. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.
4. Resellers providing Lifeline service from this tariff are responsible for determining proof of eligibility prior to requesting the service. Disclosure requirements described in 2. Preceding are applicable to resellers of Lifeline service.

#### A3.31.3 Rates and Charges

##### A. General

1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service.
2. Service Charges in Section A4. are applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
3. Link-Up connection assistance in Section A4. may be available for installing or relocating Lifeline service.
4. The Secondary Service Charge in Section A4. is not applicable when existing service is converted intact to Lifeline.

##### B. The total Lifeline credit consists of one federal credit plus one state credit

###### (1) Federal credit

	Monthly Credit	USOC	
(a) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	\$7.85	ASGFA	(1)
(b) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	7.85	ASGFS	(1)
(c) Food Stamps	7.85	ASGFC	(1)
(d) Medicaid (under TennCare)	7.85	ASGS1	(1)
(e) TRA Certified	7.85	ASGTC	(1)
(2) State credit			
(a) One per Lifeline	3.50	CRA	

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

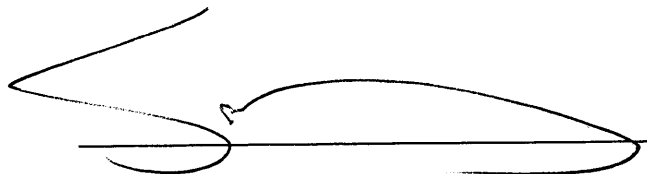
I hereby certify that on June 19, 2000, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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